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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is the education and social welfare of youth who are underserved in the United States, Haiti, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have the following impact on our mission and the people we serve.

Trusting that you are also committed to the well being of those who simply do not have the resources to care for themselves, please do the right thing and adjust your proposal so it does not negatively affect nonprofits who are trying to make a difference in the lives of those at great risk.

Sincerely,



Brother Edward Driscoll, CFX
General Superior
Xaverian Brothers